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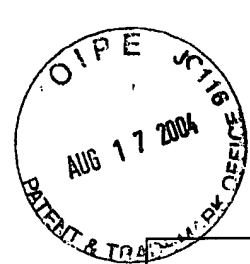
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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 14, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 14, 2004. As August 14, 2004 falls on a Saturday, this response is being timely filed on August 16, 2004.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.